

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the present application. All claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,701,981. The Applicant notes with appreciation, however, that these claims would be allowable if overcome through the filing of a terminal disclaimer.

Attached hereto is a duly executed terminal disclaimer which is believed to be suitable for this purpose.

An early allowance of claims 1 through 10 is respectfully requested and earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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